

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2289 - SB 2239

March 31, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes utilization review programs for mental health and chemical dependency care to comply with the most recent requirements of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Requires an exemption from payment of the annual \$1,000 fee for any program that has received NCQA accreditation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues – Exceeds \$10,000

Assumptions:

- In 2008, 54 of the 150 utilization review agents paid the \$1,000 fee.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, a few utilization review agents will be accredited by the NCQA and will no longer have to pay the annual fee of \$1,000. The Department does not know the exact number of agents. It is assumed that 10 agents will receive accreditation.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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